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The POINT News

News for Virginia MRC Units & EP&R

VIRGINIA medical reserve corps

MRC STARS Successfully Supporting H1N1 Response

26 Southwest VA MRC volunteers provided 279.5 hours of service to their health departments during the month of October. They assisted in collating info packets to be sent home to school children, registration at seasonal flu clinics in local health departments, and assisted in H1N1 flu vaccine clinics in 7 different counties and cities. Pictured left: MRC volunteer Joyce Perkins gives information to Abingdon Elementary School student Brady Anderson.

Pictured left: Peninsula MRC volunteer Marie Harrell, dressed up as a H1N1 Tissue box, walked the patient line providing flu education to kids and parents at a H1N1 held at Grafton High School, in November where. 1,298 vaccinations were given.

Above: Chesterfield Health District MRC Volunteer Susan Walker, R.N., preparing to administer nasal mist vaccine during one of the first mass H1N1 clinics held at the Chesterfield County Health Department.

Pictured left: 14 new recruits from New Horizons Regional Education Center and HOSA joined the ranks of the Peninsula Medical Reserve Corps. They spent time volunteering to inventory and stock the vaccination supply boxes for community H1N1 clinics. They proudly show off their new Peninsula MRC badges.

On the Calendar

December 31st: MRC Unit Profiles MUST be updated with H1N1 activities to receive OCVMRC H1N1 recognition

January 4 th - February 12th: NACCHO Model Practices Applications Accepted

January 7th, 3-4pm: VVHS 2.9 Online Training Session

January 11th: 4th Quarter VA MRC Unit Report Cards Due

January 14th, 10-11am: VVHS 2.9 Online Training

January 15th: Virginia Citizen Corps Superstar Awards Due

January: NACCHO MRC Capacity Building Awards Announced.

February 1st: Governor's Volunteerism and Community Service Award Due

March 1, 2010: Poster Presentation deadline for IMPHPRTS

May 12-16: Integrated Medical Public Health Preparedness Response Training Summit, Nashville TN

http://www.integratedtrainingsummit.org/

2010 VA MRC State Meetings

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

January 6th, February 3rd

March 4th, April 7th

June 2nd, July 7th

August 4th, September 1st

October 6th, November 3rd

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VDH VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Protecting You and Your Environment

Emergency Preparedness & Response Programs

Is Your Unit a Model?

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is requesting online applications for model and promising practices developed and/or implemented by local health departments (LHDs) to facilitate effective and innovative public health practice. Active NACCHO members whose applications are selected as model practices will be eligible to receive a stipend towards travel and registration for the NACCHO Annual Conference, based on availability of funding.

What is a Model Practice? A model practice is an initiative, program, resource, administrative practice, or tool that demonstrates exemplary and replicable qualities in response to a local public health need. Model practices cut across all areas of public health, including chronic disease, community health, emergency preparedness, environmental health, infectious disease, and infrastructure.

Online applications will be accepted from January 4–February 12, 2010. To apply and for more information and details, visit: http://www.naccho.org/topics/modelpractices/. There are many VA MRC units that are models and should consider applying.

There are currently

10,062

VA MRC Volunteers!

Great Work Everyone!

www.vamrc.org

Our domain name www.vamrc.org is temporary disconnected from our website www.vdh.virginia.gov/mrc.

All aspects of our website are operational. We are working to have this resolved as soon as possible.

WELCOME!

Hope Woods—West Piedmont MRC Coordinator

Vera Wright —Western Tidewater MRC Coordinator

The **Blue Ridge MRC** unit is officially the last and 31st in Virginia! **Connie Purvus** is the unit Coordinator.

Under the VA MRC Tree

We all expect that, if you've been good, there will be presents under the Christmas tree for us next week. Under the VA MRC Christmas tree, I have carefully placed the VVHS 2.9 release. I can't wait for everyone to see the great changes that have been made per your H1N1 requests. However, the best gift the program will receive is the recognition it deserves for all the great work we have done. I am eagerly awaiting the 4th Quarter Unit Report Cards with anticipation that it will exceed my expectations and truly reflect the dedication and service of our volunteers.

Some of us were able to attend the Region III conference at the beginning of the month. Many of the JV coordinators had the opportunity to be mentored by the Varsity coordinators. These meetings always remind me that we are blessed to have a wealth of knowledge in Virginia and that VA MRC Rocks!

Thank you for your support & all you do.

Merry Christmas & *Happy New Year*!

Jennifer

VVHS 2.9 Enhancements

VVHS 2.9 will be promoted to the LIVE system today at 5:00pm. The system will be unavailable for a short period of time. Significant enhancements were made to deployment tracking and alerting functions.

The 2.9 VVHS enhancements will be reviewed during an online training session using DimDim. The first session is offered on January 7, 2010 from 3 PM to 4 PM. The second session is offered on January 14, 2010 from 10 Am to 11 AM. VVHS Local Admin Users can register for the VVHS enhancement training on TRAINVA with course #**1020023**. Registration code is **8847**.

In the MRC folder on HAN

Volunteer Recognition

- ★ Citizen Corps Super Star Award Information
- ★ Governor's Award Application

VVHS

- ★ VVHS Volunteer Levels and Alert Job Aid
- ★ VVHS User Request Form